



# What's the Buzz in Room 6?

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Dear First Grade Families and Friends,

Welcome to our monthly newsletter! We are off to an amazing start this year in first grade.

In reading, we have been learning how to be a reading role model. We are working on growing our reading stamina, as well as strategies to read difficult words. The "stretch it out" strategy helps when we are reading "just right" books independently or with a reading buddy EEKK style (elbow to elbow, knee to knee).

Writer's Workshop is always an integral part of our day, as the students are learning that our lives are full of stories to tell. We have worked on brainstorming story ideas and the students are eager to begin writing stories of their own!

In math, we have worked on building a community of mathematicians. Students are learning how to share their thinking and respectfully agree/disagree with a peer's idea, using evidence to support their claim.

During Social Thinking we are learning how our thoughts affect our feelings. As we continue to practice first grade routines we discuss how showing expected behavior gives people good thoughts and calm feelings.

Stay warm this season, and please don't hesitate to contact me at [Kkantrow@mpspride.org](mailto:Kkantrow@mpspride.org) for any reason!

~Ms. Kantrow

## Student of the Month:

*Vivian*

## Grow Awards:

Great choices: *Gabriella*

Reach for your best: *Ashton*

Open to learning: *Soren*

We support each other: *Kaylee*

*Awesome job! ☺*

## Say "goodbye" to traditional conferences, say "hello" to **Academic Parent Teacher Teams!**

**October 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm**

- ~Parents join child's teacher in classroom
- ~All children will be supervised elsewhere.
- ~We will discuss one reading and one math skill crucial to your child's success.
- ~I will provide you with exact data showing how your student performed in relation to classmates and first grade standards.
- ~I will provide you with an activity and materials for one reading and one math game to support these skills at home.

**\*We anticipate 100% parent participation as APTT is replacing report card conferences.**

## IMPORTANT INFO

- ☀ Please provide your student with **ONLY one, healthy, neat, nut-free** snack each day.
- ☀ All first graders should be reading for at least 20 minutes each night. They should be discussing and/or writing about the book after they read it. If you need me to send your child home with some books, please let me know!

